

MRS. BOWSER BUTTS IN.

And That's the Reason Mr. Bowser Didn't Orate.

"I shall be out this evening," remarked Mr. Bowser as he rose from the dinner table with a look of importance on his face.

"I was going to ask you to go to a moving picture place with me," replied Mrs. Bowser as she followed him upstairs.

"It would be useless. The pictures will have to move without us."

"Then it's something important?"

"Very important?"

"So very important that a thousand dollars wouldn't keep me at home."

"Some club?"

"Two weeks ago, Mrs. Bowser, I was elected a member of the Most High and Noble Ancient Humanitarians. I don't recollect whether I said anything about it to you or not."

"No, you didn't. So they have a meeting tonight?"

"They do, and I am to deliver an oration. I don't know whether I mentioned that fact or not."

"No, I think you didn't. Have you got the oration written out?"

"Mrs. Bowser, I am a man that don't have to write out my speeches and orations. After I have chosen my subject the words come to me spontaneously. Sometimes my thoughts come to me far faster than I can express them orally."

"Y-e-s. You are all prepared for this occasion, are you?"

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would have fixed that," whispered Mrs. Bowser to herself.

"His right arm had been paralyzed. (Gestures.)"

"He had tuberculosis! (More gestures.)"

"He had lost wife and children. (Gestures and emotion.)"

"He had no home, and not a cent in his pocket. (Very pathetic.)"

"He had begged the world for a crust, and it had given him kicks instead. (More pathetic.)"

"Why live on? He were better dead and with the angels in heaven." (Bowser points to the ceiling.)

"The turgid waters should be his shroud and the turgid mud at the bottom his coffin and his grave." (Tears.)

"He reaches a wharf!"

"He walks out to the far end!"

"The orator motioned it out."

"I die! I die because—because—"

"No, brother—hold!"

"A member of the Most High and Noble Ancient Humanitarians suddenly appears, finished Mrs. Bowser."

"And tells the man there is hope for him."

"And takes him to his own home and feeds him up and then calls in a doctor?"

"Just so."

"The doctor says the man can be cured, but it will cost money, as he must make good to a disappointed cemetery company and an undertaker."

"Yes, something like that."

"And the Ancient tells him to go ahead, and he does, and the man is cured and becomes a great statesman?"

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SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

Sunday evening 6 o'clock dinner. Throop. Hall's orchestra.

There will be a military band with grand opera singers at the state fair September 2-13.

The Topeka State Bank solicits large and small accounts and pays interest on savings. Safety boxes for rent.

Topeka Council No. 5, Sons and Daughters of Justice will begin a campaign for new members immediately.

The Rev. A. A. Sargent will preach Sunday at the Reformed Presbyterian church, corner of Tenth avenue and Clay street.

George Morrison, a farmer of Clarence, New South Wales, Australia, is in Topeka. He is visiting the American farming districts.

The Topeka Edison company will be represented at the meeting of the National Electric Light association at Seattle June 10-14.

The band concert to have been given Sunday at Cheney park by Marshall's band has been cancelled on account of the bad weather.

All paving work in the city is tied up today on account of wet weather. Several streets have been torn up and the crossings are impassable.

"Why not have a 'fathers' day?" asked a man on the street today. "Poor father seems to be neglected."

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WANTS AND MISCELLANEOUS ADS

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

J. H. RINEHART, M. D. candidate for mayor. Shawnee Co. subject to primaries.

J. W. BELL, candidate for sheriff. Democratic ticket.

L. H. NEISWENDER, Republican candidate for representative 3rd district, subject to August primary.

SHERIFF JONATHAN D. NORTON is a candidate for a second and last term.

O. K. SWATZ is a candidate for county clerk, subject to August primary.

SAMUEL G. ZIMMERMAN, county clerk, is a candidate for re-nomination.

W. E. SCHLICHTER, Democratic candidate for sheriff, believes in salary system.

I HEREBY announce myself as a Republican candidate for state representative from the Thirty-third district, subject to the Republican primary to be held in August. J. J. KING.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—Gold link cuff button Friday morning. Reward. Ind. 2234 Black.

LOST—Pair nose glasses, near 8th and Kansas ave. Get reward at Sam Hindman's.

LOST—Brown hen pheasant, near Central Park. Liberal reward for return to Mrs. Henri Betelle. Ind. 1388.

\$5.00 REWARD for return or information of alligator grip taken from Chesterfield No. 101 moving picture. Will be taken some time next week. There has been a delay on account of the nonarrival of materials from the east.

A number of Topekan's expect to attend the annual Y. M. C. A. summer conference at Estes Park, Col. W. W. Bowman is chairman of a committee which is working up interest in the trip.

The State Journal is besieged with telephonic calls every day inquiring about reported cyclones in the vicinity of Topeka. Rumors in the last few days have wiped several Kansas towns from the map.

Two or three new street cars have been placed in service by the Topeka Railway company. They are the size of the cars now used on the Washburn line. Their equipment is of the double entrance type.

The Rev. Robert Gordon will undoubtedly draw a large crowd to the First Baptist church Sunday evening. He will discuss the interview with Mayor J. B. Howard which appeared in the State Journal Monday.

This year the management of the Kansas State Fair association will charge an entrance fee in the poultry department. This will raise the standard of the birds exhibited. The fee will be 25 cents for single birds, and \$1 per pen.

Mrs. Henri Betelle reports the loss of a pheasant which escaped from a cage Friday. Several other birds got away but were afterwards recaptured. The bird that escaped went in the direction of Central Park. It resembles a quail but is larger.

The Kansas State Fair association has had printed several thousand advance sheets which give information in regard to the premises. These sheets are being mailed out. The premium list will be ready for distribution within a few days.

Orrin J. Peterson, general superintendent of the Wells Fargo Express company, has returned to his home in St. Louis after spending several days in Topeka. Four years ago Mr. Peterson was a Kansas state delegate to the Republican convention at Chicago.

"The rain last night was the most general of all the year," said George E. Hetherington, assistant to the general manager of the Rock Island in Topeka. "We have reports that rain fell in every section of the state—even in the heart of the short grass counties in the northwest."

A meeting of the Topeka Jobbers and Manufacturers association will be held Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the office of the Davis Mercantile Co. The location for the Topeka Traffic bureau will be discussed and also the advisability of holding "merchants' week" in June.

O. E. Walker sent the Commercial club a basket of cucumbers and beans from Florida. Mr. Walker stated before he left for the south that when he returns he will bring two alligators from Gage park. He visited the best of 3000 acres of potatoes from his Florida farm.

Dr. C. M. Sheldon in speaking before the ministers of the city said that up to this time the ministers have spent a great deal of time upon the development of the city to become preachers and missionaries. It was his opinion that the ministers should get young Christian men interested in newspaper work, as he considered that the field of influence of a newspaper man is large.

Dr. C. M. Sheldon will give his farewell address to the men of Topeka Sunday afternoon in Gemmill hall. He will speak on "The Home" and the "Church" and "The Future of the Church." Arthur Capner and W. W. Mills will have remarks to make. Dr. C. M. Sheldon will preside. The Washburn Glee club under Dean Whitehouse will furnish music. Fred S. Bowman will give a eulogium solo.

These are the new officers of the Central Y. M. C. A. for the ensuing year: President, David Bowler; vice president, E. L. Copeland; recording secretary, Charles E. Brownell; general secretary, E. C. Brownell; treasurer, John R. Sargent. The following directors have been elected to serve three years: E. L. Copeland, Dr. S. G. Stewart, J. P. Davis, President Frank K. Sanders, Judge J. S. West and Dr. W. L. Johnson.

There is likely to be a heated argument at the meeting of the board of education next Monday night over the question of what is to be done with the Potwin school building. The people of Potwin want an entirely new building. Several members of the school board believe that the new portion of the present building will stand for years, and that the old portion which has been condemned can with comparative small expense be converted into excellent condition. The question of enlarging the capacity of the high school will have to come up, also, sooner or later.

Speaking Motion Pictures.

London, May 11.—Speaking motion pictures were shown at the Royal Institution here. Films were shown of a cock crowing and lions roaring in a

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WANTED—10 men to wheel brick. Capital City, West of asylum.

MEN WANTED to learn barber trade; few weeks complete a student; best and latest methods used; positions